

Comparisons of Job Characteristics

Focus Occupation: Surgical Technologists (29-2055)

Associated Occupation: Registered Nurses (29-1111)

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0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 85

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Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Psychology	6.4	19.5	10.3	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Customer and Personal Service	11.3	18.5	13.2	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Medicine and Dentistry	3.7	17.8	15.2	<	Expanded education and/or training may be required
Therapy and Counseling	3.8	16.2	6.1	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Education and Training	9.2	14.7	10.9	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Biology	3.7	13.3	9.2	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Sociology and Anthropology	4.1	12.1	4.6	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Chemistry	4.8	9.8	7.4	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Philosophy and Theology	3.2	9.2	4.6	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 73

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Social Perceptiveness	9.1	14.9	9.4	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Monitoring	9.9	13.6	11.8	<	A higher skill level may be required
Service Orientation	7.9	12.7	8.7	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Judgment and Decision Making	9.4	12.5	8.4	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Active Learning	8.7	12.2	9.1	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Coordination	9.1	12.2	11.6	0	Current skill level may be sufficient

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Abilities

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 81

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Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Problem Sensitivity	11.1	17.3	12.9	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Inductive Reasoning	10.2	15.3	9.1	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Deductive Reasoning	10.6	14.0	9.7	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Speech Recognition	9.9	13.5	11.5	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Information Ordering	9.9	12.8	10.8	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Flexibility of Closure	7.8	10.9	10.5	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Speed of Closure	5.9	9.5	7.3	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Memorization	5.6	8.1	7.3	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required

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Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 88

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Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity
Communicate technical information	4
Follow infectious materials procedures	52
Follow patient observation procedures	71

Identify body response variations	57
Inventory medical supplies or instruments	67
Lift or transport ill or injured patients	69
Make presentations on health or medical issues	50
Prepare patients for tests, therapy, or treatments	70
Prepare supplies or equipment for surgery	89
Take vital signs	56
Understand technical operating, service or repair manuals	6
Use interpersonal communication techniques	10
Use knowledge of medical terminology	40
Use sanitation practices in health care settings	48

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus
Occupation to Associated
Occupation: 73

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Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity
Airway management products	30
Anesthesia apparatus and accessories and supplies	47
Audio and visual equipment	4
Autoclave and sterilizer equipment and accessories	12
Autotransfusion products	62
Blood pressure units and related products	11
Computers	1
Content authoring and editing software	1
Data management and query software	1
Emergency medical services resuscitation products	15
Endoscopes and accessories and related products	37
Heat and cold therapy products	29
Industry specific software	1
Information exchange software	1
Intravenous and arterial cannulas and catheters and accessories	29
Medical incision drains and drainage bags and reservoirs and related products	70
Medical tissue closure and related products	47
Medical ultrasound and doppler and echo imaging products	19
Network applications software	1
Open heart perfusion equipment and monitors and accessories and related products	43
Oxygen therapy delivery systems and devices	13
Patient transport products	18
Resuscitation supplies	29
Specimen collection and transport containers and supplies	14
Surgical clamps and forceps and surgical ligators and related instruments	29

Surgical cutting instruments and snares and related products	24
Surgical equipment and accessories and related products	23
Surgical retractors and related products	43
Surgical suction and irrigation cannulas and tips and stylets and related products	51
Surgical support supplies	33
Surgical textiles	62
Suture and related products	23
Suture and surgical tissue closure instruments and related products	33
Syringes and accessories	14
Thoracentesis products	47
Vascular and compression therapy equipment and supplies	33

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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